

WHARTON BARKER DEFENDS WITMER

Can't Silence Schools' Criticism Through University, Opinion of Trustee

VIEWS ARE APPROVED

Penn Professor Offers to Demonstrate Basis of Charge to Education Board

Any effort to silence Dr. Barker, in his criticisms of the Board of Education and the Philadelphia schools, by invoking the aid of the University of Pennsylvania trustees, would be a failure, in the opinion of Wharton Barker.

Mr. Barker, one of the oldest members of the University trustees and leader of the free speech fight during the Neuring controversy several years ago, thoroughly approves Doctor Witmer's actions.

Doctor Witmer is head of the psychology department at the University. He has aroused the Philadelphia Board of Education by his criticism of the way in which schools are conducted. One member of the school board, Thomas Shalloway, Jr., has suggested that an effort should be made to stop the Witmer criticisms through an appeal to the University trustees.

Doctor Witmer does not believe he is a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, thereby losing his responsibility as a citizen of Philadelphia, or of the United States, to criticize the actions of any body of public servants.

Now is the time of his position required to be made known, so that the trustees would correct any mistake he believes would corrupt young men.

Hass Rights as Citizen

"I do not believe that the board of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania would deny to Doctor Witmer his rights as a citizen nor do I believe that the trustees as a board would attempt to reprove him."

Dr. Witmer appreciates that criticism, economic, social, political and professional, is the way to victory such organization of public schools as will liberate both teachers and pupils. So he has spoken.

"The question of whether trustees of the University have either the power or the inclination to suppress discussions of any question of absolute freedom was settled when the legislature adopted, by unanimous vote of the Senate, a resolution that embodied as a University principle Huxley's famous statement of academic freedom.

"The great seal of the United States has these inscriptions: 'From man a new and 'Endless ages shall approve' the importance of these inscriptions, which are in fact commands government by, for and of the people will perish, and citizens will not appreciate these commands unless the schools, colleges and universities, public and private, discuss and develop vital issues."

Fall in Reading

Professor Witmer has invited the Board of Education to attend a psychological clinic to be held at the University on Saturday, April 12, at 9 o'clock, at which he will demonstrate the intelligence of children "whom we are teaching to read after the schools of Philadelphia have made a failure of it."

He declares also that he will give the people a demonstration of some of the educational inefficiency of their school system which will prove to the public that the money spent on the schools is not well spent.

Speculators Use Girls As Agents

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rates, so said, mainly discharged the miners. On one occasion, Mr. Jordan declared, he carried the charge to court, but the miners were discharged because of a "shard look" plea.

Mrs. Jordan said he gave the bond, amounting to a certain number of tickets, with the understanding that they would be charged at the theatre.

He declared that he was heartily in favor of eliminating speculation, both on the street and through the agencies, and said the big men as well as the little men ought to be taxed and go.

In 1888 he removed to Camden, where he was a member of the corporation which selected Woodrow Wilson as candidate for governor of New Jersey. In 1911 he was appointed by Governor Wilson as a member of the commission which investigated the longshoremen.

He is survived by widow, Mrs. Ida Keeler Thompson, Frank Kunkle and Anna Kunkle, all of Philadelphia, and three of the cousins parties to the suit.

Another Hearing Next Week

Thomas J. Keeler, of the Korean Syndicate interests, said he was indifferent, if the ticket agencies had to go to get rid of the street speculators, then he was in favor of the bill.

One member of the House committee said no man who had to pay \$25 for five tickets for one of the popular shows.

Another hearing on the bills will be held at Harrisburg next week.

DUE TODAY

El. Orient, at New York, from Bordeaux, March 24, with sixty-five men.

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Azorian, at New York, from Bordeaux, with 2629 army personnel, including Fifth Corps Artillery, 17th Inf. and 11th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry, 1st Inf. and 11th Inf. and 14 men. Twenty-first Aero Squadron, 10 officers and 147 men. Thirtieth Aero Squadron, 3 officers and 135 men. Thirty-third Aero Squadron, 3 officers and 135 men. Thirtieth Aero Squadron, 3 officers and 135 men. Thirteenth Aero Squadron, 3 officers and 135 men.

Frederick, from China, with 1000 men, with twenty-four companies and the medical detachment of the 12th Infantry, eight of the 12th Cavalry, 12th Inf. and 12th Cavalry, and small casual companies from Kansas and West Virginia.

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WOULD YOU ESCAPE FACTS? VISIT INDIA, ADVISES HINDU

Individuality Subordinated to "Atmosphere" in Land Where Dead Ancestors and Fairies Run Loose and Gods Outnumber Those Who Worship Them

There are 220,000,000 gods in India and only 300,000,000 people to worship them, according to Deon Gopal Mukerji, native of Calcutta and a student at Columbia University, who spoke to the Modern Club today on the life of the Hindu.

It seems to be a great life, made largely of atmosphere and overwhelming silence.

Atmosphere is more important than individuality in India. The Hindu does not live in the individual, but in the whole spiritual being. It is the land where dead ancestors and fairies run loose. You can see them, he says.

Of course, the two animals have gods, a Hindu never kills a animal, but loves it, and the Hindu did not like the late General Roosevelt because he killed animals, and especially elephants, without giving them warning. Killing is a dignified sport in India, says Deon Gopal Mukerji.

Getting Rid of Foe

When you arrive in India, you get rid of your foe, the speaker didn't say how it was done, but he said it was done. Perhaps it is the way that are expensive porter services, but

more probably it is the atmosphere—or the silence.

India is the great land of daylight saving. Thousands get up to see the sunrise and chant to the god of light. In fact, everything in India is dimmed and later playing on the blaze within a few minutes after the alarm had been sent in.

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FIGHT BLAZE ABOARD TUG

Firemen Check Flames in Engine Room of Pilot Boy

Firemen responding to a blaze in the engine room of the tug Pilot Boy last night put out what threatened to become a serious conflagration.

To reach the burning tug it was necessary to carry the hose across a lighter at the Independent Company's pier below South street. The firemen had to enter playing on the blaze within a few minutes after the alarm had been sent in.

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The speaker admitted that there was much mystery, but claimed that it was all very simple, as simple as the ringing of a bell.

The Hindus are trying to down Buddhism by charity and choosing a rainbow without the individual, but in the world spiritual freedom. It is the land where dead ancestors and fairies run loose. You can see them, he says.

He also said that the settling of the question of the Adantic ocean should be a simple one for the Peace Conference since it had only to determine whether the Italian or the Jugo-Slavs should be given first consideration. He claimed that the Jugo-Slavs were the strongest and most cruel enemies of the Allies.

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